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1. Between 10 and 19 October 1953, troop movements took place within the Mecklenburg area. [redacted] 14 shipments to Hagenow-Land and Ludwigslust via Wittenberge. The shipments included 5 trains, carrying each 20 to 22 JS-3 or T-34 tanks. [redacted] Most of these shipments were bound for the former Litzow airfield.

2. Prior to 25 October, about 60 JS-3 and T-34 tanks were seen in the former Artillerie Kaserne and the five sheds of the airfield.

3. On 17 and 18 October, motorized infantry units and JS-3 and T-34 tanks were seen passing the Elbe bridge, coming from Priegnitz and proceeding toward Magdeburg. [redacted]

4. Beginning on 14 October, shuttle-train [redacted] which consisted of 36 boxcars, daily ran from Magdeburg-Bruckfeld forwarding recruits, who had arrived in Magdeburg. Unloadings took place at various stations between Stendal and Mecklenburg.

5. The Schwerin regional railroad headquarters was to make available and send to Brest Litovsk another 140 transitworthy boxcars for personnel shipments prior to 24 October.

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6. Troop trains identified from railroad records on 19 and 25 October included:

B - boxcar
F - flatcar
C/B - converted boxcar

Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	From	To
19	3 B, 26 F	Erfurt	Potsdam
	14 B, 33 F	Neudietendorf	Rathenow
	11 B, 27 F	Erfurt	Brandenburg Altstadt
	10 B, 29 F	Halle	Potsdam

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19	12 B, 45 F	Stendal	Potsdam
	15 B, 30 F	Erfurt	Brandenburg Altstadt
	9 B, 38 F	Neudietendorf	Rathenow
	12 B, 22 F	Halle district	Drewitz
25	50 C/B	Guben	Rathenow

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7. The following troop trains were identified from railroad records between 23 and 28 October:

Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	From	To
23	8 C/B	Magdeburg - Krukenfeld	Schwerin
	7 C/B	"	Ludwigslust
	8 C/B	"	Borstel
24	8 C/B, 6 B, 59 F	Fargorhutte	Hillersleben ?
25	undetermined	Magdeburg - Krukenfeld	Erest Litovsk
28	"	"	"
		Oranienburg	Magdeburg

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8. On 30 October, 45 transitworthy converted boxcars had to be made available at the Magdeburg railroad station.

9. Troop trains which passed through Frankfurt/Oder on 21 and 22 October included two shipments of 50 boxcars each, coming from Kuestrin and proceeding toward Senftenberg.

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10. [redacted] between 17 and 23 October, an empty train of 25X1 55 converted boxcars was daily dispatched toward east from Kuestrin.

11. On 24 October, a train of 55 conventional boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black emblems passed through Kuestrin, proceeding toward east.

12. On 22 and 23 October, 2 trains, each of 55 converted boxcars occupied by troops passed through the Kuestrin railroad station, proceeding toward west.

13. The following troop trains were observed at the Guben railroad station between 25 and 29 October:

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Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
25	52 cars	empty	Guben	Kovel
26	52 cars	"	"	"

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26	53 C/B	Groups	Kowel	Frankfurt/ Oder		5 25X1
27	51 C/B	"	Fuerstenberg	Kowel		
	53 C/B	"	Jagodin	undetermined		
28	53 C/B	"	Fuerstenwalde	Kowel		
	53 C/B	"	Jagodin	Falkenberg		5 25X1
29	53 B	"	Burg	Kowel		5
	51 B	"	Jagodin	undetermined		

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14. [] the following railroad cars had to be made available between
24 and 27 October:

RRym - RRym flatcar
SSy - SSy flatcar

Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	In
24	1 C/B, 7 B	Jueterbog
	2 C/B, 2 RRym	Wuensdorf
25	9 F	Jueterbog
	3 C/B, 2 B, 2 RRym	Wuensdorf
26	5 B	Jueterbog
27	5 B, 2 SSy	"

15. [] the following railroad cars had to be made available between 27 and 29 October:

Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	In
27	8 C/B	Fuerstenwalde
	12 C/B	Frankfurt/Oder
28	20 C/B	"
29	16 C/B	Brandenburg-Altstadt
	34 F	Brandenburg
	10 C/B	Jueterbog
	10 C/B	Pankow

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16. The following railroad cars had to be made available by the railroad carpentry shop in Lichtenberg between 22 and 26 October:

Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	In
22	40 C/B	Frankfurt/Oder
	46 C/B	Jueterbog
	50 F	Zwickau
23	9 C/B	Bernau
	15 C/B	Rathenow
26	8 C/B	Fuerstenwalde
	12 C/B	Frankfurt/Oder
	20 Tank cars	Werneuchen for the transportation of aircraft fuel

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17. Troop trains [redacted] between 25 and 31 October included:

Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	From	To	
25	54 cars	Jagodin	Rathenow	25X1
26	57 cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Jueterbog Altes Lager	25X1
	57 cars	Kuestrin	Weimar	
	54 cars	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Dresden	undetermined
27	52 cars	Kuestrin	Groefswald	25X1
	54 cars	Frankfurt	"	5
	55 cars	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Kuestrin	
	54 cars	Bad Freienwalde	Guben	
28	54 cars	Kuestrin	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	
29	8 C/B	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Meisdorf	
	12 C/B	"	Cottbus	
	54 cars	Kuestrin	Fuerstenberg	
	54 cars	Chemnitz	Brest Litovsk	
	54	Weimar	Kuestrin	
30	54 cars	Magdeburg	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	
	47 cars	"	Frankfurt/Oder	
	51 cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Cottbus district	

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30	56 cars	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Guten
	14 B, 26 F	Brandenburg	Magdeburg-Brück- feld
31	11 B, 39 F	"	"
	45 cars	Leipzig	Frankfurt/Oder
	31 B, 22 F	Brandenburg	Magdeburg-Brueck- feld

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Date in October	Number and Type of Cars	From	To
29	8 C/B, 25 B, 26 F	Brandenburg-Alt- stadt	Satzkorn
	2 C/B, 2 B, 36 F	"	"
	2 C/B, 1 G, 10 SSy	"	"
	2 C/B, 2 B, 25 F	"	"
	2 C/B, 1 B, 10 F, 12 SSy	"	"
30	8 C/B	Satzkorn	Bad Frei
	8 C/B	Muerstenwalde	"
	4 C/B, 15 B, 36 F	Brandenburg- Altstadt	Brueckle
	4 C/B, 5 B, 51 F	"	"
	4 C/B, 32 B, 24 F	"	"

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1. [] Comment. [] probably [] the return to the Perleberg, Ludwigslust and Parchim posts of the 18th Mezz Div from the Wittstock training area. Other observations tended to indicate that this re-transfer terminated as early as 16 October. [] It is however, believed that this movement did not include a shipment to Hagenow-Land. [] the tanks seen with some of the shipments belonged to the 119th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 18th Mezz Div stationed at the Techentin airfield.

According to the assumed occupation of the barracks installation in

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[redacted] indicates that the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div transferred to Satz Korn.

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